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Catalyst. Western Center for Microcomputers in Special Education, 1259 El Camino Real, Suite 275, Menlo Park CA 94025. $12.00/6 issues.

Center for Computer Assistance to the Disabled (C-CAD). 2501 Ave. J., STE. 100, Arlington, TX 76001.

Center for Computing and Disability. 300 Milne Hall, Nelson A. Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY 12222. Free.

Center for Innovation in Teaching the Handicapped. 2805 E. 10th St., Bloomington, IN 47405.

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Central Pennsylvania Special Education Resource Center. 150 S. Progress Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

Clearinghouse on Computer Accomodation (COCA). KGD 18th and F St. N.W., Washington,, D.C. 20405.

Closing the Gap. P.O. Box 68, Henderson MN 56044. $21.00/6.

Compute Able Network. P.O. Box 1706, Portland, OR 97207.

Computer Options for the Exceptional. 85 Market Street Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Free.

Computer Resource Center. 207 N. San Marco Ave., St. Augustine, FL 32084.

Connsence-Bulletin. Connecticut's Special Education Network for Software Evaluation, University of Connecticut. Storrs, Ct. 06268.

C-TEC,Computer Training and Evaluation Center. 399 Sherman Avenue, Suite 12, Palo Alto, Califoria 94306.

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Networks, Bulletin Boards and Databases

This is a summary of databases and computerized networks of interest to people with disabilities and those working with them. No recommendations or endorsements are implied by inclusion on this list. Contact each resource for more specific and up-to-date information.

Robotics Information
(BRS)
EIC/Intelligence, Inc.
48 West 38th Street
New York, NY 10018
212/944-8500
Database with journals, books, technical reports, and conference proceedings dealing with robotics.

On-Line Microcomputer Guide and Directory
(BRS)
On-Line, Inc.
11 Tannery Lane
Weston, CT 06883
203/227-8466
Database with listings of software, including descriptives, reviews, and producer comment. No game/entertainment software.

4 Sights Network
National Information System for the Visually Impaired
16625 Grand River
Detroit, MI 48227
313/272-3900
Teleconferencing, bulletin board, and database for blind persons and those working with them. Database information is available on rehabilitation resources, public policy, calendar of events, software descriptions and reviews, a multihandicapped blind conference, specialized training facilities, low vision, job exchange, technological aids and assistive devices, and occupational information.

KendallNET
Kendall Demonstration Elementary School
800 Florida Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20002
202/651-5260 (voice or TDD)
A computer network developed specifically for schools and programs serving hearing impaired students. Electronic bulletin boards on new hardware, solutions to technical problems, what works well with deaf students, discussions of trends. An educational software clearinghouse listing programs in use or under evaluation at KDES or other schools and programs for the deaf. Electronic mail system, computer pen pal project.

ARTN (Advanced Rehabilitation Technology Network)
ACS Medicom
25825 Eshelman Avenue
Lomita, CA 90717
A network for rehab centers in N. America designed and managed by ACS Medicom. Intended to provide a key to more effective use of all rehab databases. Information is available on research & technical information, product information & test results, funding, legislative/legal efforts, education, employment. As well as electronic mail and data, ARTN stations will be able to run and use any program on the fileserver (e.g., Lotus 1-2-3 and DBase III Plus, etc.). 25 round one sites began using ARTN in June 1986.

Apple Cider BBS
Greg Trobaugh
39-44 24th Street, Apt. 3B
Long Island City, NY 11101
718/482-0088 (voice)
718/482-0089 (modem)
A bulletin board service designed to provide support to all computer users, on all makes of computers, with special emphasis on making information available to disabled persons regarding the use of the computer for productive work and rehabilitation.

CTG Solutions
Closing the Gap
P.O. Box 68
Henderson, MN 56044
612/248-3294
A database with information on computer technology for persons with disabilities. Information on hardware, software, publications, organizations, and practices/procedures is available at a cost of $10.00 per inquiry. Annual membership fee will be initiated in October, 1986. Mail or phone inquiries; operator sends a printed document.

CompuHelp
National Association of Blind and Visually Impaired Computer Users
P.O. Box 1352
Roseville, CA 95661-1352
916/786-3923, modem
916/783-0364, voice
A menu-driven database and bulletin board for use by blind and visually impaired computer users. Information on hardware, software, publications in braille or tape, self-help groups, blind computer user groups, etc. No charge; $10.00/year donation is requested. 24 hours per day.

Logo Class Penpal Network
Ruffner Hall
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, VA 22903
804/924-3332
The network matches participating Logo teachers and their classes with other counterparts from around the U.S., Canada, or overseas, by grade level, Logo experience, interests, and computer compatibility.

Rare Disease Database
NORD
Box 8293
New Fairfield, CT 06812
203/746-6518
This is a searchable database on CompuServe, accessible with a PC and a modem. Contains health related information with resources that can be contacted for further assistance.

Rural Rehabilitation Technologies Database
University of North Dakota
Medical Center, Rehabilitation Hospital
Box 8202
Grand Forks, ND 58202
701/780-2489
This organization maintains a database containing information about technological devices of interest to disabled people.

Tech-Net
Psi-Tech Program
Concepts for Independent Living
Operations Center
2203 Airport Way South
Suite 310
Seattle, WA 98134
206/343-0670
A nationwide information network for the disabled community. Four available databases service referral, equipment exchange, publication referral and talent registry (able-bodied volunteers). Planned database: civil/legal rights, peer interest groups, open bulletin board for information sharing.

JAN (Job Accommodation Network)
P.O. Box 468
Morgantown, WV 26505
304/293-7186 (general information)
800/526-7234
A computerized catalog of solutions to accommodate functional access limitations in work environments. It was developed to promote the hiring and advancement of people with organizations.

The Disability Forum
Daveed Mandell
P.O. Box 3557
Berkeley, CA 94703
Information sharing, experience sharing. Also The Mainstream Center, Round Hill Road, Northhampton, MA 01060-2199.

CompuServe
P.O. Box 20212
5000 Arlington Centre Blvd.
Columbus, OH 43220
800/818-8199
A nationwide database with bulletin boards that provide information on handicapped persons, issues, technology, and statistics, among other things.

ABLEDATA
National Rehabilitation Information Center
The Catholic University of America
4407 Eighth Street NE
Washington, DC 20017
202/635-6090
A computerized listing of commercially available products for rehabilitation and independent living.

Accent on Information
P.O. Box 700
Bloomington, IL 61701
309/378-2961
A computerized product database organized by categories of equipment and by disability function.

ADDS (Assistive Device Database System)
American International Data Search, Inc.
2326 Fair Oaks Boulevard
Suite C
Sacramento, CA 95825
800/275-8700
800/223-2437 (California residents)
A source of information on adaptive equipment programs and other resources. Requests can be made via computer, mail, or the toll free number.

BDIS (Center for Birth Defects Information Services)
171 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111
617/956-7400
A computerized database of articles, diagnostic test cases, and an undiagnosed birth defects registry.

AdvocNet
The National Center for Research in Vocational Education
Ohio State University
1960 Kenny Road
Columbus, OH 43210
800/848-4815
614/486-3655 (in Ohio)
A communications network for vocational educators; includes The Vocational Education Special Needs Newswire.

CompuServe
(1) HUD (Handicapped User's Database)
Rear 4
Furry Court
Lancaster, OH 43130

CONFER
Blissymbolics Communication Institute
350 Rumsey Road
Toronto, Ontario M4G 1R8
406/424-3806
A computer conferencing network that enables users to establish and participate in technology-related forums and conferences regarding individuals.

CRISP (Computer Retrieval of Information on Scientific Projects)
National Institute of Health
Westwood Building, Room 148
5333 Westbard Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20205
301/496-7543
A scientific base of information developed from recent government health research.

CUSSNet (Computer Use in Social Services Network)
Division of Social Work
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC 27834
Computerized inventory of commercially available and public domain human services software. One component specializes in info on computers and handicapped users. Classification by special interest group available. Local and national bulletin boards, downloading of public domain software, skills bank, special interest groups. Teaching materials, reports, literature concerned with the education of disabled children and adults.

OR: Dick Schoech, School of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington, P.O. Box 19129, Arlington, TX 76019.

DEAF-NET
SRI International
333 Ravenswood Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025
415/859-2236
A computer network designed for but not limited to the hearing impaired.

EIES (Electronic Information Exchange System)
Computerized Conferencing and Communications Center
New Jersey Institute of Technology
323 High Street
Newark, NJ 07102
201/641-5321
Currently investigating the use of the EIES System to allow people with disabilities, the homebound, and senior citizens to communicate among themselves and with others.

ECER, ERIC (Educational Resources Information Center)
Council for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
703/620-3660
ECER is the ERIC database. It has educational materials (including special education), reports, bibliographic information, available via computer, microfiche, or paper copy.

HEX
(Handicapped Education Exchange)
11523 Charlton Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20902
301/681-7372
A computerized bulletin board available through the public telephone network. Free services are offered for those involved in the education of the handicapped.

NARIC (National Rehabilitation Information Center)
See ABLEDATA

NTIS (National Technical Information Service)
Department of Commerce
5285 Port Royal Road
Springfield, VA 22161-2200
703/487-4600 general information
703/487-4642 computer searches
703/487-4640 documents
A leading source for government research and reports. Data searches on topics are published and available for order.

REHABDATA
See ABLEDATA

Bibliographic materials and organizational information.

Specialnet
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
2021 K Street NW, Suite 315
Washington, DC 20006
202/296-1800
This network features telephone access, electronic mail, bulletin and data collection in the area of special education.

UNET
The M.U.S.E. User's Network
Western Illinois University
Macomb IL 61455
309/298-2257
An electronic bulletin board for computer users, program developers, and educators; information on computer use in special education, forum for information and idea sharing, and access to public domain software relevant to the field. On-line 24 hours/day, 7 days/week. No membership charge.

Well-Net
(CHIP - Community Health Information Project)
222-C View Street
Mountain View, CA 94141
415/968-8798
415/968-1126
A nationwide electronic bulletin board for the disabled. No membership fee.

Center for Special Education Technology
Technology Information Exchange
Council for Exceptional Children
1920 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
800/345-8324
703/620-3660
Two electronic bulletin boards offering news about special education technology and information from other special educators. Information is primarily on how the technology is used, rather than on the products. Information and fact sheets available at no charge.

LINC Resources, Inc.
3857 N. High Street
Columbus, OH 43214
614/263-5462
A computerized database of the software for instruction, personal assistance, administration, and testing. Free searches.

Microcomputer Education Applications Network
256 North Washington Street
Falls Church, VA 22091
703/536-2310
An information exchange network for special educators.

TRAIN
Suite 101
Neshaminy Plaza 11
Bensalem, PA 19020
215/639-1513
A database of testing, training resources, assessment, and workshop materials used in special education. Inservice Network for professionals in special education.

HELPNET
Special Education Software Center
Building B, Room S312
333 Ravenswood Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 800/435-7639 (access) (except Alaska and Hawaii)
800/223-2711 (technical information)
800/327-5892 (software information)
On-line access to the Special Education Software Center. With a modem and telecommunications software, the center can be contacted via a toll-free number. Future plans include bulletin boards where software subroutines developed as a part of technical assistance activities are made available. No charge.

Sources of Additional Information

The Complete Handbook of Personal Computer Communication: Everything You Need to Know to Go Online with the World
St. Martin's Press
175 5th Avenue
New York NY 10010
212/657-5151

Online Databases that Include Rehabilitation Information
Sharon McFarland
NARIC
The Catholic University of America
4407 Eighth Avenue NE
Washington, DC 20017
202/635-5822

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